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SUBJECT: MTN: TABLING OF COMPREHENSIVE AUSTRALIAN MTN
OFFERS

1. AUSTRALIAN DEL (RYAN) HAND-DELIVERED ON MARCH 23 THE
AUSTRALIAN MTN OFFERS FOR TARIFFS AND NONTARIFF MEASURES
ON BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.
DELIVERED WITH THEIR OFFER WAS A LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR
FOGARTY AMPLIFYING AUSTRALIA'S RESPONSE TO THE U.S.
REQUEST ON TOBACCO MIXING REGULATIONS. A COPY OF THEIR
OFFER IS BEING HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY HUDSON
(AGRICULTURE).

2. ON BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL UNBOUND TARIFFS,
THE AUSTRALIANS ARE OFFERING REDUCTIONS FROM THE GOA
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RATES EXISTING ON JANUARY 1, 1973, I.E., PRIOR TO THE
UNILATERAL REDUCTIONS OF THAT YEAR. IN VERY FEW CASES
IS THE OFFER RATE BELOW THE CURRENTLY APPLIED RATE,
AS SHOWN IN THE U.S. REQUEST LIST. FOR REDUCTIONS
BELOW EXISTING LEVELS THERE IS NO INDICATION GIVEN OF A
POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD.

3. THE AUSTRALIAN OFFER ON NTM'S IS IN THE FORM OF A GENERAL TEXT WHICH MENTIONS CERTAIN TYPES OF MEASURES ON WHICH THE AUSTRALIANS ARE WILLING TO HOLD FUTURE DISCUSSIONS, E.G., QUARANTINE REGULATIONS AND PACKING AND LABELLING REGULATIONS. OTHER REQUESTS ARE IGNORED ENTIRELY, E.G., THE U.S. REQUEST ON ADVERTISING RESTRICTIONS FOR CINEMATOGRAPHIC FILM. WITH REGARD TO PRIMAGE DUTIES, SUPPORT VALUES, AND TARIFF QUOTAS, THE AUSTRALIANS STATE THAT THESE FALL UNDER THE CATEGORY OF TARIFF OR TARIFF-LIKE CHARGES, BUT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THESE MEASURES IN GENERAL BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. (AUSTRALIA IN ITS TARIFF OFFERS HAS ELIMINATED PRIMAGE DUTIES ON SEVERAL PRODUCTS.)

4. FOGARTY'S LETTER ON TOBACCO STATES THAT AUSTRALIA CONSIDERS THE MIXING REQUIREMENTS TO FALL UNDER THE CATEGORY "OF A CONCESSIONAL TARIFF PROVISION" OFFERED ON A NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS. IN ORDER TO CLEAR UP ANY MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH MAY HAVE LED TO OUR CLASSIFICATION OF A MIXING REQUIREMENT AS AN NTM, AUSTRALIA HAS OFFERED TO CONSULT ON THE MEASURE IN THE CONTEXT OF GENERAL BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

5. MTN DEL WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH THE AUSTRALIANS TO GIVE PRELIMINARY REACTIONS TO THEIR OFFER WITH SUFFICIENT TIME ALLOWED FOR AUSTRALIAN DEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO RELAY THESE COMMENTS TO GARLAND IN CANBERRA BEFORE HIS VISIT WITH STRAUSS IN GENEVA ON APRIL 10. ACCORDINGLY, MTN DEL SHOULD HAVE PRELIMINARY WASHINGTON REACTIONS, COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS BY THE END OF THE WEEK OF MARCH 27.

6. DRAFTED BY MARSH. MCDONALD

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